

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action dated June 29, 2004. For the following reasons, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled, and those claims indicated as allowable have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Hence, all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance and such action is courteously solicited.

In light of the amendments and remarks above, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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